IN THE CLAIMS:

19-25. (CANCELLED)

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An adjustable tappet assembly for a disc brake comprising an internally threaded outer sleeve, an externally threaded internal shaft, and a seal device, said seal device having a support element carried by said sleeve, said support element carrying a seal for sealing between said sleeve and said shaft having a lip portion arranged to engage an unthreaded surface portion of said shaft in sealing relationship for providing sealing during axial movement of said shaft relative to said sleeve.

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as recited in claim 26 wherein an outer surface of said support element provides a smooth sealing surface engaged, in use, by a lip portion of a further seal carried by an adjacent structure.

28. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as recited in claim 27 wherein said support element is in the form of a cap having a generally annular skirt fitted over an end portion of said sleeve, said outer surface of said skirt providing said sealing surface engaged by said further seal.

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as recited in claim 26 wherein said support element is carried externally by said sleeve.

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly as recited in claim 26 wherein an ~~annular~~ annular base of said support element[[,]] rests, in use, against an adjacent end of said sleeve with a portion of said shaft extending through said base.

31. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as recited in claim 30 wherein said annular base houses an annular rim of said seal for sealing between said sleeve and said shaft.

32. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as recited in claim 30 wherein said lip portion of said seal for sealing between said sleeve and said shaft extends axially away from said base and said sleeve.

33. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The assembly as recited in claim 26 wherein said assembly is incorporated into a disc brake.